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<TEXT>Dear FCC,

I believe that any relaxation in the requirements for operating on the amateur bands is counter productive to the amateur disaster and emergency communication mission and the training of future operators for those missions. We already have a problem with the bad apples that migrated into the ranks after the last relaxation of the rules. We now have truckers and others conducting business on the air and language that would burn the ears off a sailor. We now are facing a new threat and that threat is from within as well as from the outside. That threat, as we know, knows no bounds. Terrorists acquired leverage as well as illegal documents to help in their activities. What a break it will be for them to be able to acquire amateur radio licenses to help in coordinating their activities. I believe this issue of relaxing requirements in the amateur radio bands as well as other radio frequency bands is fast becoming a Homeland Security issue since there is in reality no enforcement and I repeat NO ENFORCEMENT of the rules in the band. The time may come when we may well lose the bands for that reason. We need to tighten up not relax.

Thank you,

Jerry, N4DST